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ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

(Note by the Secretariat)

Circulated herewith is a resolution relating to inter-governmental consultation and action on commodity problems prior to the establishment of the International Trade Organization to be proposed by the Chairman of Committee IV, together with an amendment suggested by the United States Delegation.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO INTER-GOVERNMENTAL
CONSULTATION AND ACTION ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS PRIOR
TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE
ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS certain difficulties of the kind referred to in the Draft Chapter on Inter-governmental Commodity Arrangements appended to the Report of the Preparatory Committee have already occurred in respect of certain primary commodities and the Governments concerned are already taking action on the general lines proposed in that Chapter and

WHEREAS similar difficulties may occur in respect of other primary commodities and

WHEREAS the Preparatory Committee is agreed that it is desirable that action taken in respect of such commodities should proceed on the general lines proposed in the Draft Chapter

THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

RECOMMENDS that, insofar as inter-governmental consultation or action in respect of particular commodities is necessary before the International Trade Organization is established, the Governments concerned should adopt as a guide the Draft Chapter on Inter-governmental Commodity Arrangements appended to the Report of the Committee

AND REQUESTS the Executive Secretary to keep in touch with such consultation and to take such action as may be appropriate to facilitate it.

AMENDMENT PRESENTED BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

It is proposed that the last paragraph of the resolution be amended to read as follows:

"REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the United Nations, pending the establishment of the International Trade Organization, to appoint an Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements, to consist of the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Committee for an International Conference on Trade and Employment as Chairman, a representative from the Food and Agriculture Organization to be concerned with agricultural primary commodities, and a person to be selected at the discretion of the Secretary-General to be concerned with non-agricultural primary commodities, this Committee to keep informed of inter-governmental consultation or action in this field and to facilitate by appropriate means such consultation or action."
